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SUBJECT: BOARD CONSIDERATION OF U.S. PROPOSAL ON SSIR

REF: (A) STATE 43196, (B) VIENNA 1354

SUMMARY: WITH ONLY USSR AND BULGARIA SUPPORTING U.S.
PROPOSAL TO GIVE WIDER CIRCULATION TO SSIR, BOARD OF
GOVERNORS AGREED WITH CHAIRMAN'S FINDING THAT BOARD
DID NOT RPT NOT WISH TO TAKE ACTION PROPOSED BY U.S.
END SUMMARY.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF A,
MISSION INSCRIBED AS ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM ON BOARD
AGENDA CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION REQUESTING
DG TO ISSUE SSIR AND ITS FUTURE EDITIONS AS GC
DOCUMENTS (WITH EFFECT OF MAKING THOSE REPORTS
AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC). U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION
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WAS DISTRIBUTED FEBRUARY 21 AS DOCUMENT GOV/1881. IN
PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS WITH BOARD CHAIRMAN FEBRUARY 20,
U.S. DEL MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN INSCRIBING ITEM, U.S.
DESIRED OUTCOME OF BOARD DISCUSSION TO BE CONCLUSIVE
ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

2. U.S. GOVERNOR INTRODUCED RESOLUTION, DRAWING ON
POINTS CONTAINED PARA 3 REF A. STATEMENTS FOLLOWED

BY SIXTEEN GOVERNORS OF WHICH ONLY TWO (USSR AND BULGARIA) WERE IN SUPPORT OF U.S. RESOLUTION. REPS OF U.K., CANADA, FRANCE, JAPAN, ITALY, FRG, AUSTRALIA TOOK POSITION THAT SSIR EFFORT HAD ONLY JUST BEGUN AND THAT "PUBLICATION" WOULD BE PREMATURE. ARGENTINA AND PERUVIAN REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN RE POSSIBLE BREACH OF PRINCIPLE OF CONFIDENTIALITY. REPS OF BELGIUM AND CANADA NOTED THAT RELEASE OF SSIR TO PUBLIC COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON THOROUGHNESS AND FRANKNESS IN PREPARATION OF FUTURE SIR'S. PAKISTAN REP THOUGHT PUBLICATION MIGHT CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT TO CERTIAN MEMBER STATES. IRANIAN GOVERNOR ALSO OPPOSED WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENT. ONLY REPS OF USSR AND BULGARIA FAVORED U.S. PROPOSAL AS BENEFICIAL TO CAUSE OF NON-PROLIFERATION.

3. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT DISCUSSION INDICATED THAT BOARD DID NOT WISH TO TAKE ACTION PROPOSED BY U.S., BUT THAT BOARD MIGHT WISH AT SOME FUTURE TIME TO REVIEW QUESTION OF DISTRIBUTION OF ITS DOCUMENTS. SMITH

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